

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Helms for his reply call on 28 October 2004 (6:14am) confirming that the sole basis for the Advisory Action as the typographical error of "expresses express" in claim 8. Applicants appreciate the courtesy and effort made in returning their call.

The present amendment to claim 8 corrects this typographical error and retains the same amendments previously presented. It is believed that the present revised amendment is sufficient to place the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Specifically, claim 8 has been amended above to respond to the Examiner's instant concern. No other changes have been made to the claims and all the previous amendments have been maintained. It is believed that all noted objections and rejections of claim 8 have been overcome.

It is noted that the Advisory Action did not enter the previously proposed amendment in the formal record and, as a result, the present amendment retains the earlier amendment-format for clarity.

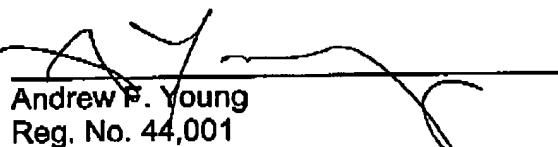
Claims 5, 7-14, and 17-19 are pending. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 1-4, 6, 15, and 16 have been cancelled.

Applicants again acknowledge the Examiner's earlier statement that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the features of their respective base claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable re-consideration of the foregoing
Amendment and look forward to receiving the Notification of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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